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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated November 28, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 28, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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